



An Indian Army truck travels towards the avalanche site in Tangmarg in Kashmir yesterday. Seventeen Indian soldiers were killed in an avalanche that slammed into a group of 70 combat troops at a high-altitude warfare training camp in Kashmir.

Kashmir avalanche kills 17 soldiers 53 troops rescued

AP, Srinagar

A massive avalanche ploughed into an Indian army training centre at a ski resort town in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Monday, killing 17 soldiers and critically injuring 17 others. The avalanche slammed into the army's High Altitude Warfare School at about 11 a.m. and swept away the soldiers during a training session, said army spokesman Col. Vineet Sood. It was the worst avalanche in the area in many years, he said. Seventeen bodies were found and 53 troops were rescued about six hours after the speeding mass of snow and ice struck the centre high on a Himalayan slope, senior police officer Qayoom Manhas told The Associated Press. Manhas said of those rescued, 17 needed emergency medical care. About 70 troops were taking a skiing test when the avalanche came crashing down, he said. Rescue efforts involving army, police and civilian officials were "very timely, swift and coordinated," Manhas said.

Opposition to play active

FROM PAGE 1 remarks on calling of hartals and blockades, she said, "We've not called any hartal or strike in the last one year. We didn't ransack any place, but what the government has done? It was the ruling party people who called hartals day after day in Kishoreganj." Earlier, welcoming the top journalists to the meeting, Khaleda said, "We've come here to meet you, as we could not meet for a long time, since I was in jail for about two years. I will not give a speech today. I will talk to you, and listen to you," she said with a smile. Replying to the guests' queries, Khaleda said return of the opposition to the parliament alone will not ensure democracy, and the issue of seating arrangement was not the main reason for their walk out from the parliament. "Has the government no responsibility? We were present in the House the very first day. Our oath-taking ceremony was not aired [on state run television]. My speech was also not aired. You have to consider those things as well," she said. "Once we announced that we would return to the House, and they started making provocative statements," she alleged saying the government has yet to submit to the parliament the treaties signed between Bangladesh and India. "During the incident at BDR, we offered cooperation, but they [the government] did not call us. How discussions can be held if they don't invite

us?" she said adding that she would sit for a discussion, had she got an invitation from the prime minister prior to the latter's India visit. Criticising the government for price hike of essentials, failure to implement electoral pledges, politicisation of the administration, rise in criminal activities, and repression of journalists, she claimed prices were within the reach of the people during the last BNP regime. Khaleda said BNP participated in the last parliamentary election because it wanted a democratic government, but the result of the poll "could not be real". "BNP is not a party to win only 30 seats. But despite that we went to the parliament and offered cooperation," she said. Referring to the recent killing on Dhaka University campus, she said none of the student supporters of BNP are being able to reside in university dorms. She said everyone is aware of the gas, water and power crises in the country, but the government could not care less, as it is busy implementing its "pledges to foreigners". Renowned editors and senior journalists ABM Musa, Mahbubul Alam, Matiu Rahman, Mahfuz Anam, Nurul Kabir, AMM Bahauddin, Abed Khan, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Reazuddin Ahmed, Shykh Seraj, and Shafiq Rehman were present among others. BNP Chairperson's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan Soheli coordinated the meeting.

Pakistan wants to discuss Kashmir issue with India Says Qureshi

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Islamabad

Pakistan says it wants to discuss Kashmir and other unresolved issues with India when the foreign secretaries of the two countries meet, possibly later this month. Pakistan had a 'strong case' on several outstanding issues, including Kashmir and the sharing of river waters, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said at a gathering in his hometown Multan Sunday. At the same time, Qureshi took a hard line, pointing out that Pakistan had not knelt before India, which had now 'sought talks' and a return to the negotiating table. "India had broken off the composite dialogue process and spoken of severing contacts

with Pakistan. It has come to us and sought talks. We never knelt before them and did not bow to their pressure," Qureshi maintained. He also claimed India had tried to isolate Pakistan diplomatically but had failed to do so due to the 'effective' policies pursued by Islamabad. Qureshi's remarks come as Pakistan's High Commissioner to India Shahid Malik is in Islamabad to discuss the two dates - Feb 18 or Feb 25 - proposed by India for the foreign secretary-level talks in New Delhi. Malik had on Friday met Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao to work out the modalities for the talks, at which New Delhi had indicated that it is ready to discuss all bilateral issues of concern.

Nepalese media tycoon shot dead

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepalese police said yesterday they were hunting two men suspected of gunning down Jamim Shah, a prominent media tycoon who owned Nepal's first cable television company. Shah, who also ran a television station and satellite network, was shot dead Sunday by two assailants on a motorbike near the French embassy compound in the heart of Kathmandu. "We have raised the security alert in the capital and the hunt for the murderers of Shah is on," said Kathmandu police chief Ganesh KC.

VHP calls for boycott of Shah Rukh's film

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Guwahati

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Monday appeared to back the Shiv Sena by calling for a nationwide boycott of Shah Rukh Khan's 'My Name is Khan' but took objection to the Sena's Mumbai-for-Marathis stand and said every inch of India belonged to all Indians. "People of India must boycott 'My Name is Khan' as Shah Rukh Khan is a traitor," VHP general secretary Pravin Togadia told journalists here. "My Name is Khan", starring Shah Rukh and Kajol, is set to be released Friday. But the star is mired in a blazing row over his recent comments advocating the cause of Pakistani cricket players who were not picked by any team for IPL.

Pro-Russia Yanukovich wins tight Ukraine polls

AFP, Kiev

Ukraine has chosen the pro-Russia Viktor Yanukovich as its next president, results showed yesterday, after elections that rejected the West-leaning policies of the Orange Revolution. But with his margin of victory of around just 2.5 percent according to a count of almost all the votes, his challenger Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko was showing no sign of conceding a poll that was much closer than forecast.

Musharraf aide escapes gun attack, two killed

Plot to bomb Americans in Pak hotel foiled

AFP, Islamabad

A senior Pakistani politician and former aide to ex-military ruler Pervez Musharraf escaped a gun attack yesterday that killed two of his bodyguards, police said. Earlier police said they had foiled a plot to attack a five-star hotel and kill Americans in Pakistan. "Sheikh Rashid is safe in the attack which took place at his election office," in the city of Rawalpindi, his spokesman Javed Qureshi said. He received injuries to his leg, but not from bullets, he said. "Two people died when unknown people fired bullets on Sheikh Rashid when he was heading towards his car," Rawalpindi police chief Aslam Tarin said. Rashid, 59, who served as information minister in Musharraf's cabinet was considered close to the former dictator who stepped down in 2007. He is a candidate in a hotly contested

by-election scheduled to take place next month in Rawalpindi, just outside the Pakistani capital Islamabad. A vocal politician, Rashid lost his seat in the national assembly representing Rawalpindi at elections in 2008 and is challenging a candidate from former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). Pakistan had postponed the by-election last year for security reasons. A PML-N spokesman strongly condemned the attack, calling for politics of the ballot not politics of bullets. Officials said the government in Punjab province ordered an investigation into Monday's attack. In Lahore, Pakistan police claimed Monday to have arrested six suspects, including a would-be suicide bomber, who were plotting to attack a five-star hotel and kill Americans. Police recovered an explosive-laden suicide vest fitted with 26 hand grenades

during the operation in Lahore, the country's second-biggest city, senior police superintendent Zulfikar Hameed told a news conference. Police in Pakistan, which is under huge US pressure to do more to root out Islamist militants, routinely claim to foil high-profile attacks, mostly often in Karachi, but rarely release any details of the alleged plots. It is not possible to confirm the alleged plots independently. The six suspects were paraded at the news conference wearing black masks to hide their identity. "Their target was Lahore's Pearl Continental Hotel where some Americans were staying," Hameed said. "They wanted large-scale death and devastation." "Five terrorists were assigned to explode hand grenades and amid expected panic in the hotel, the suicide bomber was to blow himself up," he said.



Pakistani rescuers mobilise around a Pakistani private airline aeroplane, which skidded off the runway during landing due to heavy rainfall at Peshawar International Airport in Peshawar yesterday. The Shaheen Airline aircraft and 112 passengers escaped injury during the incident and disembarked safely from the plane.

3 cops sued for death

FROM PAGE 1 took the charge into cognisance, but did not pass any order on the issue. Adu Mia also alleged that Keraniganj police arrested Manik Mia without bringing any allegation against him on January 27. Police also picked up his son's wife Monwara Begum saying that there was a problem over Manik's passport. Following the incident, some local people including Yeasin, Aziz, Belal Hossain, and Anwar went to Keraniganj police station to meet the OC at around 6:30pm where they (police) asked to hand over his (Manik) brother-in-law Khorsheed to them. The following day, police released Monwara Begum. The complainant also said that he went to Keraniganj police station on January 28, 29, 30 and 31 and bought food from a nearby shop for his son. On January 31, OC Asad assured the complainant in presence of a witness, Aziz, that they (police) would release Manik the next day. On February 1, the complainant went to Keraniganj police station where the OC informed him that Manik had committed suicide. Adu Mia wanted to see his son's body at the medical, but police did not allow him to see. The complainant further alleged that there were several injury marks on his son's body when he was bathed before burial. So, it appears that Manik Mia was tortured to death in police custody without showing any allegation. Moreover, the accused attempted to divert the incident and stage a drama that Manik committed suicide, Adu Mia said. The complainant appealed to the court to give highest punishment to the accused for committing such offences after an investigation into the matter. Earlier, Keraniganj police claimed that Manik Mia, an accused in a murder case and arrested along with two others on January 31, committed suicide in a toilet of the police station.

Govt signs its first

bined cycle project would be launched by installing a 100 mw gas-fired turbine at first. Its additional capacity would be increased by installing a steam turbine that would use the heat of the gas turbine to generate power. As a result, this plant will consume less gas compared to a simple cycle plant. The CCEC that won the bid for this job last year will launch the gas turbine component in mid-June next year and go for full production by December 31. Previously, the BNP-led government had awarded the contract for installing the gas turbine component in Chandpur to Chinese company Harbin through a controversial bidding process. Harbin initially sought a budget of \$45 million. But during the caretaker government rule, Harbin wanted to escalate the project price by 10 percent. This led to cancellation of that contract. The Sylhet 150 mw simple cycle power project will cost Tk 704 crore with the target to commission this plant by September 25, 2011. The last year's tender for this power project was held amid several glitches that could have disqualified the lowest responsive bidder Shanghai Electric Group. But PDB pushed it ahead because it was the fifth tender of the project. While each tender was leading to wastage of time, it was also increasing the project cost.

Conjoined twins separated

FROM PAGE 16 around six-month-old two sisters were conjoined at the lower part of their chests and abdomens. The separation of the twins was carried out by a 10-member team of surgeons and anaesthetists led by Prof AR Khan, head of surgery of the hospital. They were kept at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the hospital after the operation from 9:45am to 12:00noon. AR Khan told the reporters that they need another two to three days to comment on the separated twins. The hospital authorities are bearing the whole expenditure of Moni and Mukta's treatment. On August 22 last year, Trishna Pal, wife of Joyprokash Pal, of Palpara village in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur, gave birth to the twins by caesarean at a local clinic. The babies were brought to the capital for treatment on January 31 and admitted to the

hospital. After successful completion of the operation, the mother said she had been afraid if such operation could be possible. She said, after the children's birth, she had received negative responses from the doctors of the clinic and thus she had feared for their [children] post-operation survival. Besides, she said she was aware of the twin babies in her womb by the ultra sonogram report, but after delivery she found them to be conjoined twins. She has another two kids, Sajal, 12, and Disha Rani, 8, she added. Experts say, when an embryo begins to split into identical twins but stops midway leaving the partially separated egg to mature, it results in conjoined twins. Family history, delayed pregnancy and having birth control pills for long time increase the risk of giving birth

to such babies, they say. In August 2008, Banya and Barsha were separated at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital by a team of Prof Shaiful Haque, chairman of the department of paediatrics. Though Barsha died within a very short time after the operation, Banya survived well. Earlier, Ruhul Amin, associate professor of paediatrics surgery of BSMMU, successfully separated another conjoined twins, Hasan and Hossain, at Islami Bank Hospital in 2003. Survival of conjoined twins is very rare in Bangladesh. A total of three such twins were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the last three and a half years, but none of them survived. Statistics show that only a few hundred conjoined twins are born across the globe each year, which is about one in every 100,000 births.

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১। বিষয় বা কাজের নাম	ক) নব নির্মিত নিরামতপুর (নওপা) ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এলাকার ৩০০ বর্গমিটার আয়তনের ওপেন ট্রায় ইয়ার্ড নির্মাণ কাজ। খ) নির্মাণাধীন মাহভাড়া ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এলাকার ৭৫০ বর্গমিটার আয়তন বিশিষ্ট একটি ওপেন ট্রায় ইয়ার্ড নির্মাণ কাজ। গ) নির্মাণাধীন পঞ্চাড়া ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এলাকার ৭৫০ বর্গমিটার আয়তন বিশিষ্ট একটি ওপেন ট্রায় ইয়ার্ড নির্মাণ কাজ। ঘ) নির্মাণাধীন মাহভাড়া ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এলাকার ৭৫০ বর্গমিটার আয়তন বিশিষ্ট একটি ওপেন ট্রায় ইয়ার্ড নির্মাণ কাজ। ঙ) নির্মাণাধীন হুয়াভাড়া ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এলাকার ৮০০ বর্গমিটার আয়তন বিশিষ্ট একটি ওপেন ট্রায় ইয়ার্ড নির্মাণ কাজ।
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